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Applicant : Haley Korn, et al.

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For : APPARATUS FOR DISABLING A TELEPHONE RINGER

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002. Please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims

Cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 52 and 53 and add new Claims 56-59 as follows:

52. (Amended) An apparatus for disabling a telephone ringer comprising:  
a recording device operable with a telephone to play back an instruction  
recording to a calling party, the recording prompting the calling party to provide  
designated signal that the calling party's call is a priority call; and  
a controller communicating with said recording device, said controller  
being operable

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